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SUBJ: CYPRUS SITUATION

1. SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCE INFORMED US THAT, ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS FROM ITS DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IN NICOSIA AND ITS MILITARY (UNFICYP) CONTINGENT IN FAMAGUSTA, HEAVY FIGHTING IS OCCURRING AROUND PERIMETERS OF NICOSIA. NICOSIA IS BEING BOMBED, AND HOTEL WHICH HOUSES CORRESPONDENTS HAS BEEN HIT. NICOSIA AIRPORT OUT OF COMMISSION. SWEDES HAVE OBSERVED PARACHUTE DROPS CLOSE TO NICOSIA, PRESUMABLY FROM TURKISH PLANES. TURKS ARE ATTACKING COAST FROM BOTH NORTH AND EAST, AND IN FACT THE ISLAND IS SURROUNDED BY TURKISH NAVAL FORCES. MAIN OPERATIONS APPEAR TO BE NORTH OF NICOSIA.

2. MFA SOURCE SAID THAT TURKS HAVE DECREED THAT AREA NORTH OF
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CYPRUS A WAR ZONE AND THAT SHIPPING IS TO KEEP CLEAR. SWEDEN'S

MAIN CONCERN IS TO EVACUATE ITS REMAINING TOURISTS, ALL APPARENTLY IN FAMAGUSTA AND NUMBERING SEVERAL HUNDRED, BUT IT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO WORK OUT HOW TO DO IT SINCE NO SHIPS CAN GET INTO EAST COAST.

3. STATUS OF SWEDISH UNFICYP BATTALION IS PRECARIOUS. ACCORDING TO SWEDISH RADIO, WHICH HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A CORRESPONDENT IN FAMAGUSTA, THERE HAS BEEN SOME FIGHTING IN FAMAGUSTA AND SOME BOMBING, BUT THE FIGHTING SEEMS TO CONSIST OF SPORADIC SMALL INCIDENTS BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT TURKISH INVADING TROOPS ARE CLOSE TO FAMAGUSTA. ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCE THE UN TROOPS HAVE BEEN GIVEN NO INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT TO DO, AND GOS ASSUMES THEY WILL NOT GET ANY UNTIL SC MEETING TODAY. SOURCE WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER SWEDISH BATTALION WOULD HELP INTERVENE IF SC DECIDES IT SHOULD. HE SAID THAT SWEDISH SOLDIERS ARE "UNDER COMMAND OF UNSYG" AND WOULD FOLLOW ORDERS, BUT UN MANDATE HAS NO PROVISION FOR FIGHTING REGULAR TURKISH FORCES FROM MAINLAND. HE SAID THE GOS IS URGENTLY STUDYING PROBLEM OF EVACUATING ITS FORCES IF NECESSARY.
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